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MEMORANDUM FOR: JH

John:

With regard to the problem of the computer hookup between NPIC and NSA, we are being asked by NSA (through their Liaison Officer at NPIC) whether or not we will agree to the installation of a second line from NPIC to another NSA facility located [redacted]. Specifically, they want to know whether or not they can obtain the go ahead for a second line based on the approval for the first hookup arrangement in January.

Attached is the file containing the pertinent correspondence (see red marker for original request). You may recall that [redacted] gave his blessing to such an arrangement and that [redacted] Information Processing Board has been briefed on the matter. No basic objections have been raised to such an arrangement although there was some concern about the accessibility of our ~~MIS~~ data to NSA. Basically, NSA wants access to our data base for the target brief file information. Although technically it is possible that they might obtain our MIS data, the AID people feel that it is highly unlikely that they would either request it or obtain it.

At this point we know very little about why NSA wants this second hookup, nor the nature of their operation [redacted]. Presumably, the second line would be installed at NSA expense and that security considerations would be provided for.

I believe we need more information before giving our go ahead. So far all exchanges on this matter have been verbal. Even if we decide we can work off our prior approval, I would think it likely that we would want to brief [redacted] on this latest development. SMJ is unsure of how to handle this matter and is seeking guidance from the O/Dir.

I suggest that you (or I) tell Steve to get together with [redacted] and get more of the details and present them to you along with his recommendation.

I have done so.

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